

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/663,027	ROSNER, GEDON	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to AF amendment received on 10/18/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/20/2006.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other unoff. suppl. amendment.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's amendment and arguments to the claims based on matters discussed in the interview on 10/20/2006, with respect to the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of claims 21-30 has been withdrawn based on the Examiner's Amendment.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David Victor (Reg. No. 39,867) on 10/20/2006. Examiner agreed the suggested change to claim 21 would overcome the outstanding 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection and additional dependent claim 31 is permissible.

- Claim 21 is amended according to the attached supplemental amendment.
- Claim 31 is added according to the attached supplemental amendment.
- Change Title to, "METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR PROCESSING PACKETS UTILIZING DESCRIPTORS"

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-31 are allowed.

Art Unit: 2182

The following is the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art disclosed by the applicant and cited by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, all the limitations of the independent claim(s) (claims 1, 11 and 21), particularly a method, system and tangible article of manufacture for processing packets from an I/O device such that information is maintained indicating a different pair of a first buffer and a second buffer assigned to each of a plurality of descriptors, wherein one of the first and second buffers assigned to one descriptor is used by the I/O device and wherein the I/O device write packets to the buffers assigned to the descriptors.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan S. Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4143. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim N. Huynh can be reached on 571-272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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TITLE METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR PROCESSING PACKETS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via email to Examiner Alan S. Chen on October 20, 2006

/David Victor/

David W. Victor

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Examiner requested Applicants to amend claim 21 to overcome the Section 101 rejection. The Examiner further said he would enter a dependent claim providing further clarification of claim 1. This amendment is presented as if the amendments made in the response dated October 18, 2006 were entered. Below Applicants show the amended claim 21 and the added claim 31 for the Examiner to enter.

Applicants hereby authorize the Examiner to charge the fees needed to enter this amendment and added claim to Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

21. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a hardware device having code for processing packets from an Input/Output (I/O) device, wherein the code causes operations to be performed, the operations comprising:

maintaining information indicating a different pair of a first buffer and a second buffer assigned to each of a plurality of descriptors, wherein one of the first and second buffers assigned to one descriptor is used by the I/O device, and wherein the I/O device write packets to the buffers assigned to the descriptors;

accessing the first buffer including a packet from the I/O device, wherein the accessed first buffer is assigned to an accessed descriptor that is one of the plurality of descriptors;

processing the packet in the accessed first buffer; and

if the second buffer assigned to the accessed descriptor is available, then updating information for the accessed descriptor to indicate that the second buffer is assigned to the accessed descriptor before completing the processing of the packet in the first buffer.

31. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 21, wherein the hardware device comprises at least one of hardware logic in which the code is implemented and a computer readable device from which the code is accessed and executed by a processor.

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The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

Dated: October 20, 2006

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